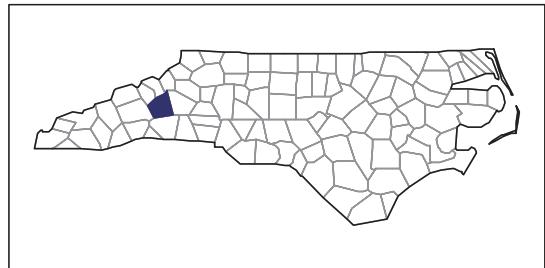


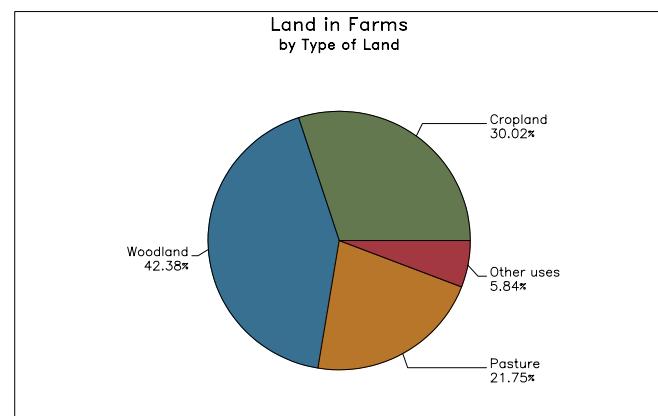
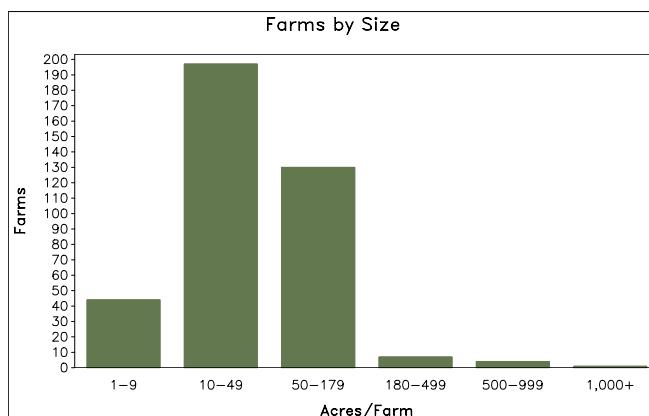
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County Profile



McDowell, North Carolina

	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	383	282	+ 36
Land in Farms	22,968 acres	24,441 acres	- 6
Average Size of Farm	60 acres	87 acres	- 31
Market Value of Production	\$24,401,000	\$22,752,000	+ 7
Crop Sales \$15,768,000 (65 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$8,633,000 (35 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$63,710	\$80,681	- 21
Government Payments	\$56,000	\$167,000	- 66
Average Per Farm	\$3,323	\$4,288	- 22



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Ranked items among the 100 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	24,401	68	100	2,131	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	15,768	53	100	1,604	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	8,633	68	99	2,131	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	187	84	99	2,358	2,933
Tobacco	(-)	(-)	77	(-)	437
Cotton and cottonseed	(-)	(-)	53	(-)	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	315	75	99	1,290	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	14,818	9	95	214	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	1,710
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	100	(D)	3,054
Poultry and eggs	6,932	52	99	643	3,020
Cattle and calves	1,075	56	98	2,590	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	10	73	89	2,271	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	35	51	98	1,925	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	3,024
Aquaculture	62	29	60	751	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	45	19	91	1,411	2,875
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	287,112	44	75	449	2,476
Layers	78,885	26	99	425	3,024
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	27	83	(D)	2,627
Cattle and calves	3,008	62	98	2,665	3,060
Horses and ponies	708	47	98	1,825	3,066
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,709	65	100	2,624	3,060
Nursery stock	1,089	5	87	82	2,130
Corn for grain	413	79	99	2,091	2,634
Corn for silage	(D)	43	79	(D)	2,263
Soybeans for beans ³	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,039

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	147
\$1,000 to \$2,499	72
\$2,500 to \$4,999	43
\$5,000 to \$9,999	46
\$10,000 to \$19,999	22
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	10
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	11
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3
\$250,000 to \$499,999	9
\$500,000 or more	8
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	15,492
Average per farm (\$)	40,450
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	9,364
Average per farm (\$)	24,448

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	168
Other	215
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	334
Female	49
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.4
All operators ² by race:	
American Indian or Alaska Native	4
Asian	9
Black or African American	(-)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	(-)
White	517
More than one race	6
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	(-)

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.

³ Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.